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EN 201- World Literature
The Epic of Gilgamesh

Essay Topics

Literature is a reflection of life, and *The Epic of Gilgamesh* is no exception. That Gilgamesh and Enkidu are friends despite their important differences is a reflection of the nature of friendship in real life. Discuss how Gilgamesh and Enkidu are different and how they are alike. How do these differences and similarities push the narrative forward? How might these differences and similarities enhance or detract from friendship? Be sure to cite specific details from the text.

Regardless of what is being sought, it is customary for the hero of a quest to encounter dangerous obstacles during the course of the search. These obstacles often require the hero to endure great suffering, which, once overcome, leads to fulfillment of the quest. Explain the hero's obstacles and how he was able to overcome them.

Friendship is frequently a theme used by writers to reveal character. Examine how the theme of friendship reveals character in the relationship between Gilgamesh and Enkidu. Be sure to support your main idea with sufficient detail.



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